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Applicant: FRIEDLAND et al.

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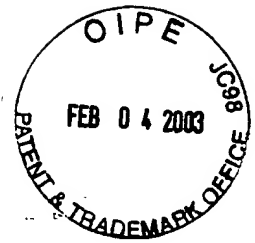
REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2002, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire February 5, 2003. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 25 and 26 as indicated in attached Appendix A. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested. A complete set of claims as amended is attached at Appendix B.





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Dear Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is a Reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2002, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire February 5, 2003.

- [X] No additional fee is required.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or charge fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is attached for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
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